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SUBJECT: TERMINATION OF APO PRIVILEGES

1. AMBASSADOR TODMAN HAS SEEN DEPARTMENT OF AIR FORCE (USAF POSTAL AND COURIER SERVICE, LATIN AMERICA REGION, APO NEW YORK 09825) INSTRUCTION TO ALL MILGPS AND MAAGS IN LATIN AMERICAN DATED MARCH 12, 1975 ON SUBJECT OF TERMINATION OF APO PRIVILEGES FOR NON-DOD CONTRACTORS OF FEDERAL AGENCIES.

2. IN COSTA RICA, THIS TERMINATION OF APO PRIVILEGES WOULD APPLY, EFFECTIVE JULY 4, 1975, TO YDX INSTITUTIONAL CONTRACT EMPLOYEES OF USAID PLUS ONE AIFLD REPRESENTATIVE, WITH A TOTAL OF FIFTEEN DEPENDENTS. THESE FIGURES COMPARE WITH TOTAL PERSONS ELIGIBLE FOR APO OF 54 OFFICERS AND 140 DEPENDENTS.

3. AMBASSADOR WISHES TO APPEAL THIS DETERMINATION ON FOLLOWING GROUNDS:

A. FOREIGN RELATIONS: IN EMBASSY'S VIEW, IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS DETERMINATION WOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED WITM#AND MIGHT THEREBY TEND TO UNDERCUT THE GENERAL AGREEMENT FOR ECONOMIC, UNCLASSIFIED

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TECHNICAL AND RELATED ASSISTANCE BETWEEN USG AND GOCR

SIGNED ON DECEMBER 22, 1961 IN THAT SAID AGREEMENT MAKES NO DISTINCTION BETWEEN DIRECT HIRE AND CONTRACT PERSONNEL OF AID. ALL ARE ENTITLED EQUALLY TO PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES ACCORDED DIPLOMATIC MISSION, INCLUDING EXEMPTION FROM LOCAL TAXES AND FROM CUSTOM DUTIES.

B. MISSION MANAGEMENT AND MORALE. IN KEEPING WITH (A) ABOVE, AMBASSADOR AND OTHER MISSION MANAGEMENT REGARD AID CONTRACT EMPLOYEES AS INTEGRAL MEMBERS OF USAID AND TOTAL USG MISSION IN COSTA RICA, AND THEY ARE TREATED ACCORDINGLY WITH RESPECT TO ALL FACILITIES AND PRIVILEGES INCLUDING SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE, COMMISSARY AND (UNTIL NOW) APO PRIVILEGES. INELIGIBILITY OF CONTRACT EMPLOYEES FOR LATTER PRIVILEGES WOULD BE UNFORTUNATE BREAK IN UNIFORM PERSONNEL PRACTICES OF U.S. MISSION AND WOULD CERTAINLY HAVE ADVERSE EFFECT ON MORALE.

C. COST FACTORS AND OTHER REVENUE. AMBASSADOR URGES THAT EFFORTS CONTINUE TO FIND ADDITIONAL REVENUES WHICH WOULD CONTINUATION OF APO SERVICES FOR CONTRACTORS. ONE SOLUTION MIGHT BE FOR AID/W TO INCREASE ITS CONTRIBUTION TO APO FOR THIS PURPOSE.  
TODMAN

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